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DECLARATION

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As the below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name,

I believe I am the original, first, and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter that is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **A SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MANAGING RISK AND OPPORTUNITY**, the specification of which an application for Letters Patent was filed on October 6, 2000, and assigned Serial No. 09/680,923.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims.

**PRIOR FOREIGN APPLICATION(S)**

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §§ 119(a)-(d) and 172, of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificated having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

APPLICATION NUMBER	COUNTRY	FILING DATE	PRIORITY CLAIMED
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**PRIOR UNITED STATES APPLICATION(S)**

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

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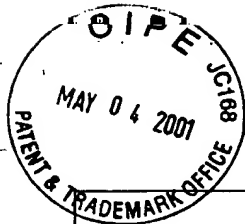
I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a).

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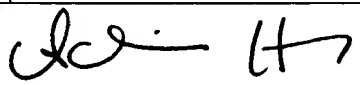
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